

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION SECURITY AND  
TRANSPARENCY, VARIOUS OTHER REVISIONS RELATED TO  
ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AND STATE ELECTIONS  
ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION COMPLAINTS.  
AMENDMENT

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Correction, Dept.; Judicial Department	GF - Potential Cost	Minimal	Minimal
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The amendment creates new felony charges and imposes mandatory minimum imprisonment of twelve months for certain election crimes, resulting in a potential cost to the Department of Correction and the Judicial Department for incarceration or probation and a potential revenue gain from fines. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$3,300<sup>1</sup> while the average

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<sup>1</sup>Inmate marginal cost is based on increased consumables (e.g. food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.) This does not include a change in staffing costs or utility expenses because these would only be realized if a unit or facility opened.

marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$800<sup>2</sup> each year for adults and \$1,000 each year for juveniles.

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<sup>2</sup> Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant. This does not include a cost for additional supervision by a probation officer unless a new offense is anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.